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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Donna C. Wortmann  
Group Art Unit : 1648  
Applicant : Bo Niklasson  
Application No. : 09/147,801  
Filed : March 11, 1999  
For : NEW PICORNAVIRUSES, VACCINES AND  
DIAGNOSTIC KITS

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New York, New York  
April 16, 2001

Hon. Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to a December 15, 2000 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicant has petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for response to that Office Action for one month, from March 15, 2001 up to and including April 15, 2001 and have paid the required fee [37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(1)].\*

Kindly amend the application as follows.

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\* April 15, 2001 falls on a Sunday. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, applicant is filing the Response on the next business day.